

CHAPTER 33-03-32
STATE COMMUNITY MATCHING LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR NURSE
PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS, AND CERTIFIED NURSE
MIDWIVES

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33-03-32-01. Definitions.

1. "Center for rural health" means the center for rural health at the university of North Dakota.
2. "Community" means any county, city, or township in North Dakota.
3. "Council" means the state health council.
4. "Department" means the state department of health and consolidated laboratories.
5. "Eligible applicant" means a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife who is licensed or registered to practice by the respective state regulatory agency.
6. "Eligible community" means a North Dakota community with a need for a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife. The center for rural health shall designate eligible communities.
7. "Eligible loan" means an educational loan acceptable to an accredited nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or nurse midwife educational program and made by a bank, credit union, savings and loan association, insurance company, accredited school, government, or other financial or credit institution in its capacity as lender and in which the lender is subject to examination and supervision by an agency of the United States or the state in which the lender has its principal place of business.

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33-03-32-02. Responsibilities and process.

1. At least annually the center for rural health shall provide public notice of the loan repayment programs to communities and accredited nurse practitioner and physician assistant educational programs in North

Dakota and to selected nurse midwife educational programs in the United States and Canada.

2. A community wishing to be designated as eligible for participation in the program shall complete a form developed by the center for rural health. Forms will be available upon request from the department and the center for rural health. Completed forms must be submitted to the center for rural health. In addition to the criteria stated in North Dakota Century Code section 43-12.2-04, the form must include:
 - a. A statement of health personnel needs.
 - b. A signed statement of community endorsement and financial commitment to participate in this program.
3. The center for rural health shall update and give the department a list of eligible communities by January of each year.
4. The center for rural health shall assist eligible communities to locate eligible nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or certified nurse midwives.
5. A nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife may apply for repayment of an education loan on an application developed by the department and the center for rural health. The application will be available upon request from the department and center for rural health. In addition to the criteria stated in North Dakota Century Code section 43-12.2-03, the applicant shall submit the completed application to the department. The application must include the following information:
 - a. A current North Dakota license or registration to practice.
 - b. A list of states in which the applicant is currently licensed or registered to practice as well as the states in which the applicant has a lapsed license or registration.
 - c. A description of any litigation to which the applicant is a party.

Three letters of recommendation and an agreement signed by the applicant and the community stating the conditions of the loan repayment must be submitted along with the application.

6. The department and center for rural health shall jointly review the application within sixty days of its receipt. The application and its review will be considered by the council at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

7. The council shall consider the criteria specified in North Dakota Century Code section 43-12.2-03, as well as all information contained in the application and accompanying documents.
8. The council shall approve or deny the application within ninety days after the council meeting when the application was considered.
9. The council may approve more than five applications in any fiscal year; however, no more than five loan repayments can begin in any fiscal year.
10. The council shall designate which loan repayments can begin in any fiscal year based on a priority system adopted by the council.

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33-03-32-03. Loan repayment contract.

1. Before receiving a loan repayment under this chapter, each applicant selected shall enter into a loan repayment contract with the state and community agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which the loan repayment is granted, the penalties for a breach of the loan repayment contract, and the conditions under which the applicant can be released from any obligations under the contract without penalty.
2. The state health officer shall sign the loan repayment contract for the state. A community representative shall sign the loan repayment contract for the community.
3. The loan repayment contract must include:
 - a. The amounts to be paid by the state and by the community.
 - b. The specific term in which the nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife is obligated to provide primary health care services within the community.
 - c. A provision that any financial obligation of the state arising out of a loan repayment contract entered into under this chapter, and any obligation of the applicant that is conditioned thereon, is contingent on funds being appropriated by the legislative assembly for loan repayments under North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-12.2.

- d. Such other statements of the rights and liabilities of the department and of the applicant considered necessary by the council.

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